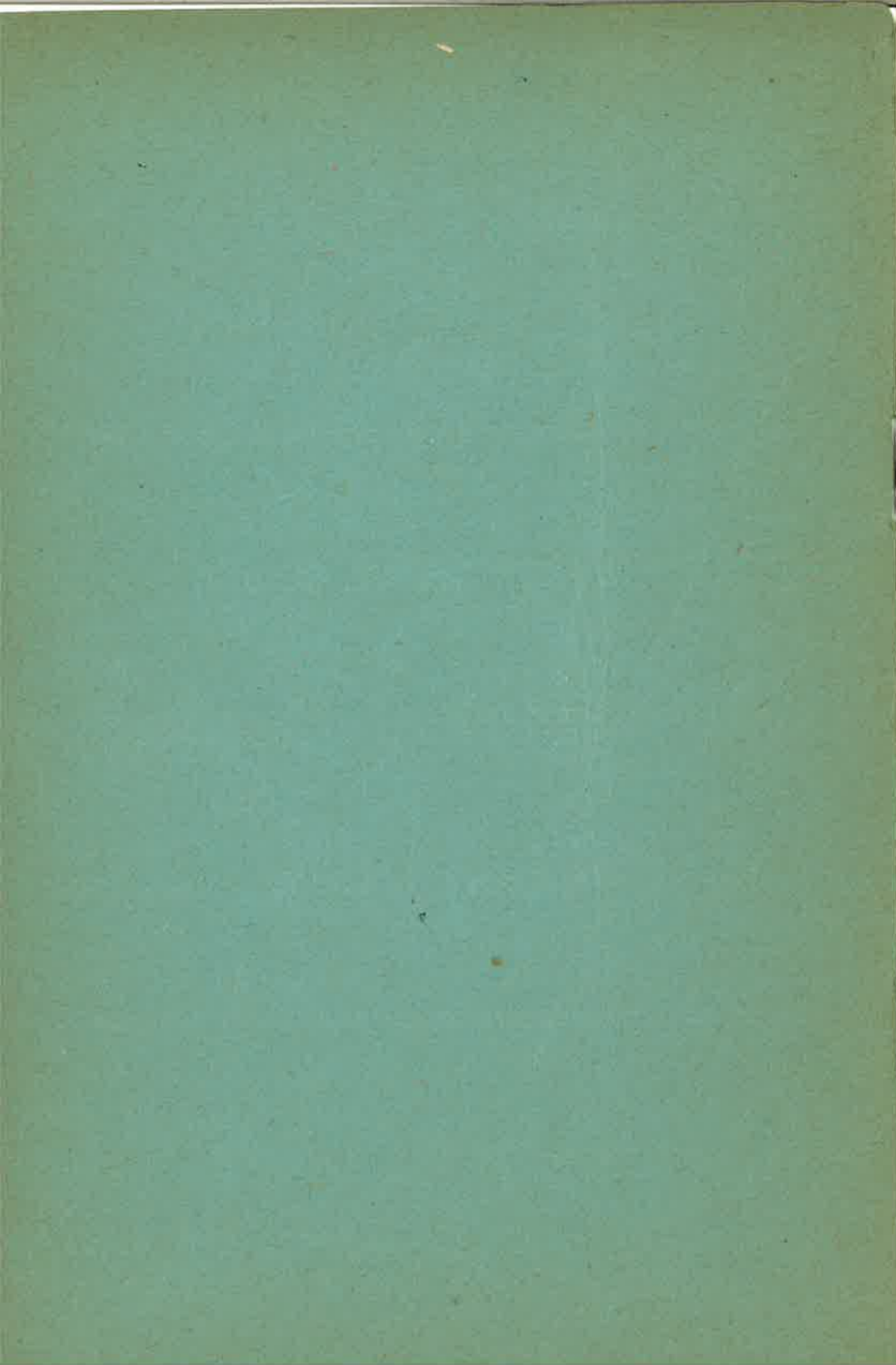

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

Mount Auburn Cemetery.

JANUARY 1, 1897.



ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

TRUSTEES

OF THE

Cemetery of Mount Auburn,

FOR 1896,

TOGETHER WITH

THE REPORTS

OF THE

TREASURER AND SUPERINTENDENT.

SIXTY-FIFTH YEAR.

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Office of the Superintendent.

AT THE CEMETERY.
P. O. ADDRESS, CAMBRIDGE, MASS.

SIXTY-FIFTH ANNUAL REPORT.

THE sixty-fifth annual report of the Trustees, together with the Treasurer's and Superintendent's reports, are herewith submitted to the Proprietors.

The financial condition of the corporation continues to be satisfactory. The receipts from sales of lots and other sources have been slightly larger than those of the previous year.

The Repair Fund, the income of which is pledged for the perpetual care of lots, and which cannot be used for any other purpose, amounts to \$897,413.08, having gained \$43,441 during the past year.

The Permanent Fund, accumulating for the care of the cemetery after all the lots are sold, amounts to \$364,461.23. The increase of the year has been \$11,159.34.

The General Fund amounts to \$141,415.64, having gained above necessary expenditures on the buildings, now under construction, the sum of \$6,106.39.

These new buildings consist of a chapel and an office building connected with it, which, to meet the demands of the present time, the Trustees have found it necessary to erect. Complaint had long been made of the old chapel, as furnishing insufficient accommodations for funeral services. It had no cellar, and was heated imperfectly and with difficulty; it lacked a robing room, and other necessary accommodations, and it was found impossible to get rid of a disagreeable echo, which interfered with the voice of the officiating minister and rendered choir singing impracticable.

The only available site for the new buildings was on the left of the main entrance, and the difficult problem was to determine the

style of architecture and arrangement of buildings, which should not contrast too strongly with the old Egyptian gateway. This study was presented to four architects, who were all much interested, and brought in plans, any one of which, if offered singly, would have been accepted. The preference was unanimously given to the plans of Mr. Willard T. Sears, who thus briefly describes his design : —

“ The new buildings now in progress of erection are located just within the gates of the Mt. Auburn St. entrance to the Cemetery. They consist of an office building having its entrance front on Garden Ave., and a chapel building fronting on Central Ave. The main entrance to the chapel is through a covered driveway porch, the extreme length of the building from the front of this porch to the rear wall of the chancel being 116 ft. and the extreme width across the transepts being 54 ft. The office building has a frontage of 55 ft., and a depth of 65 ft., and is connected with the chapel by a cloister which also extends along the north wall of the chapel.

The English perpendicular style of architecture, as exemplified in many of the English parish churches, built during the early part of the fifteenth century, has been adopted; and the chapel has been planned to meet the requirements of all religious denominations.”

It should be added that the stone used for the buildings is the red sandstone brought from Potsdam in the State of New York. It is a very hard stone and does not readily absorb moisture, and the color is very agreeable and pleasant to the eye. The buildings will be practically fire proof, built in the most durable manner, and will probably be completed and in use in the coming summer or autumn.

Besides work done in excavating the cellars and preparing the ground for the new buildings, improvements and repairs in other parts of the cemetery have been continued as usual. To increase the watering facilities six new driven wells have been sunk, and all the old wells re-bored, and provided with separate cut-offs. To improve the water distribution, about thirty tons of eight-and four-inch pipe, and about one thousand feet of two-inch pipe have been laid.

The well house, which formerly stood on the site of the new buildings, has been removed to the southern gate; and there, surrounded by shrubbery and covered with vines, will serve as a pleasant

resting place for visitors who shall enter the cemetery from that side.

Attention is called to page 14 of the Appendix, where the Superintendent offers a shelter tent, at a slight additional charge, to proprietors who may wish for its use at funerals. The tent has an iron framework, and is covered with canvas, which will keep off the hot rays of the sun in summer, and screen the mourners from the cold winter blasts. It will cover an area of twenty feet square.

For the Trustees,

ISRAEL M. SPELMAN, *President*.

TREASURER'S REPORT.

RECEIPTS.

Cash balance from preceding year			\$49,216.43
He has received from sundry parties,—			
For sale of lots		\$15,745.60	
“ labor and material on lots	\$59,465.14		
“ deposits in receiving tomb	894.00	60,359.14	
For deeds and transfers		178.00	
Notes receivable	\$100,666.17		
Interest on loans	4,715.38		
From Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company for income on Permanent Fund,	8,000.00		
From Massachusetts Horticultural Society for one quarter of expenditure for grading new lands for sale	127.03	113,508.58	189,791.32
			<u>\$239,007.75</u>

MOUNT AUBURN CEMETERY.

FOR THE 65TH YEAR, 1896.

EXPENDITURES.

He has paid sundry parties,—		
For labor (pay roll)	\$37,142.02	
“ materials	12,800.65	
“ repairs of buildings and fences	886.02	
“ For receiving tomb drawbacks	63.00	\$50,891.69
For expenses,—		
For salaries	\$7,800.00	
“ office expenses	1,963.11	
“ taxes on real estate	971.99	10,235.10
“ notes receivable	\$131,332.34	
“ account of new chapel	13,100.00	
“ amount paid Massachusetts Horticultural Society for its proportion of sales	3,809.90	
“ grave repurchased	15.00	
“ amount Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Com- pany for permanent fund	5,055.20	153,312.44
Balance in hands of Treasurer		24,568.52
		<u>\$239,007.75</u>

RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES OF THE REPAIR FUND.

Balance in the hands of Treasurer, as per last report		\$7,062.08
He has received, —		
From notes receivable	\$127,600.00	
“ endowments	27,939.65	
“ income of investments	44,508.25	
		<u>200,047.90</u>
		<u>\$207,109.98</u>
He has paid for said account, —		
Interest	\$1,223.47	
For care and improvement of lots	27,783.43	
“ notes receivable, secured by mortgage	147,000.00	
		<u>\$176,006.90</u>
Balance in hands of Treasurer		<u>31,103.08</u>
		<u>\$207,109.98</u>

REPAIR FUND.

PROPERTY.

Endowments for perpetual repair of lots as per last report, \$853,972.08	
Additions during the year	43,441.00
	<u>\$897,413.08</u>

Invested as follows: —

Notes receivable secured by mortgage	\$848,500.00	
\$10,000 Boston City Bonds	9,710.00	
30 shares Atlas National Bank, cost	2,970.00	
20 shares Atlantic National Bank, cost	2,700.00	
20 shares Shawmut National Bank, cost	2,430.00	
		<u>\$866,310.00</u>
Cash in hands of Treasurer		<u>31,103.08</u>
		<u>\$897,413.08</u>

GENERAL FUND.

CASH ASSETS.

Cash in hands of Treasurer		\$24,568.52
Notes receivable		108,666.17
Bills for labor and material uncollected	\$9,634.29	
Less due sundry parties for labor and material	1,453.34	
		<u>8,180.95</u>
		<u>\$141,415.64</u>

PERMANENT FUND.

Deposited with Massachusetts Hospital Life Insurance Company, as per last report	\$353,301.89
Deposited in December, 1896	\$5,055.20
Interest	6,104.14
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	11,159.34
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	\$364,461.23

THE OTHER PROPERTY OF THE CORPORATION

Consists of nearly 136 acres of cemetery grounds, with avenues and paths, water works for the supply of fountains and watering purposes, and underground pipes and drains, chapel and statuary, observatory, receiving tomb, gateway and other structures, reception house, and 5,620 feet of land on Mount Auburn Street, Superintendent's house, greenhouses, and 59,936 feet between Brattle and Mount Auburn streets, the Coolidge Lot on Grove Street, containing about six acres, the Bird Lot on Sawin and Cottage streets, containing about 44,000 square feet, and the Stone meadow on the east side of Coolidge Avenue, containing about five acres, on which are located the stables and other buildings.

Respectfully submitted,

H. B. MACKINTOSH, *Treasurer.*

Boston, Jan. 1, 1897.

This certifies that the books and accounts of the Treasurer of the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn for the year eighteen hundred and ninety-six have been examined and found correctly kept and properly balanced, with satisfactory vouchers for all payments.

The certificates of stock and other evidences of property were found in accordance with the statements of his accounts.

In the general account there appears to be a balance in the hands of the Treasurer of \$24,568.52, and in the fund for repairs, \$31,103.08.

T. QUINCY BROWNE, }
HENRY S. SHAW, } *Committee on Finance.*

JANUARY 20, 1897.

SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT.

To the Trustees of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn :

GENTLEMEN, —I have the honor to present herewith the Annual Report of the Superintendent for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896.

IMPROVEMENTS.

Number of new lots graded and bounded with granite posts	43
“ old lots improved by being graded and sodded	51
“ old lots bounded with granite posts	6
“ lots enclosed with granite	0
“ lots enclosed with iron fence	0
“ lots furnished with granite or iron numbers	26
“ headstones erected	307
“ monuments erected	50
“ catch basins built	12
“ tons crushed stone spread on avenues	300
“ lineal feet of concrete paths built	150
“ tombs removed	2
“ iron fences removed	12
“ granite curbings removed	6

INTERMENT RECORD.

Total number of interments, as per last report	30,861
Number of original interments for the year ending Dec. 31, 1896	510
“ removals from other cemeteries	36
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Total number of interments for the year	546
“ “ “ in cemetery	31,407
Of the above there were deposited in the receiving tomb	35
“ “ “ interments in public lots	27

THE REMOVALS WITHIN AND FROM THE CEMETERY WERE AS FOLLOWS:

To public lots	2
To private lots	30
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Total removals within the cemetery	32
“ “ from the cemetery	31
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Total number of removals	63

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

Superintendent of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn.

MOUNT AUBURN, Dec. 31, 1896.

PERPETUAL REPAIR OF LOTS.

It is provided by Art. VIII. of the By-laws as follows : —

DONATION IN TRUST. — “The Trustees may receive in trust from a Proprietor any sum of money, the *income* of which shall be appropriated to the repair of his lot, according to the terms of trust expressed in the form provided.”

PERPETUAL REPAIR, WITH GUARANTY. — “The Trustees may also guarantee the *perpetual* repair of lots, upon the payment of such a sum as the Committee on Lots shall deem sufficient for that purpose, a form for which is also provided.”

“All such sums shall collectively constitute a separate fund, called the ‘Repair Fund,’ and shall be invested in the public debt of the United States, or in that of the State of Massachusetts, or in the debt of any of the counties, cities, or towns of this State, or in mortgages of real estate in any city or town in Massachusetts, or in first-mortgage bonds, or debenture bonds of railroads not mortgaged, of any railroad company incorporated under the authority of this Commonwealth, which has earned and paid regular dividends for the two years next preceding such investment.”

“Each lot in relation to which such a contract shall have been made shall be credited, in a book kept for the purpose, with the principal sum paid on account of said lot; and at the close of each year a ratable proportion of the net income of the whole Repair Fund shall be carried to its credit, in conformity with the terms of said contracts.”

RECONVEYANCE IN TRUST. — “A Proprietor who shall have contracted with the corporation for the care and preservation of his lot forever, desiring to place the same in perpetual trust, for the purpose of restricting the right of burial, or for any other legitimate object, may, with the consent of the Committee on Lots, reconvey such lot to the corporation, to hold the same forever, for the uses and trusts

expressed in his deed of reconveyance ; reserving to himself, and to such as may be beneficiaries thereunder, the right of admission, and such supervision as may not be inconsistent with the rights which have vested in the corporation."

Annexed to the GUARANTEE CONTRACT is a report by the Superintendent, with drawings, describing in detail the condition of the lot and structures thereon. The amount deposited is an *insurance FOREVER*, that the lot and its belongings shall always be maintained in the condition shown in the report which is made the basis of the contract.

To cover all the contingencies of the near and remote future, a sum is fixed, the income of which will be sufficient to provide for the care of the grass, including resodding, and the repair and renewal of such tomb, curb, monument, or headstone, as may be shown in Superintendent's report.

If any monument or headstones are added subsequent to the contract, they can be covered in the same manner.

After a contract for perpetual repair, with *guaranty*, has been made, the lot may be reconveyed to the corporation *in trust*, naming in the deed the persons thereafter to be interred. The *title* to the lot being thus vested in the corporation, a *perfect security* is given that the wishes of the proprietor will be carried out.

Under the contract for DONATION IN TRUST, the *income* of any sum deposited is applied to the care and preservation of the lot.

The necessary forms for provision by will for the above are given herewith.

JAMES C. SCORGIE,

Superintendent.

CEMETERY OF MOUNT AUBURN.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL TO BEQUEATH MONEY FOR "PERPETUAL REPAIR,
WITH GUARANTY," OF LOT.

I hereby direct my executors to pay to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn such sum of money as may be found necessary to obtain from said corporation a contract for the Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, of my Lot, No. on the way called
in said Cemetery.

FORM FOR CLAUSE IN WILL DIRECTING "RECONVEYANCE OF LOT TO CORPORATION IN TRUST."

[Reconveyance is only accepted after a Contract for Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, has been made.]

I hereby authorize and empower my executors to reconvey my Lot, No. , in trust, to the Proprietors of the Cemetery of Mount Auburn, in consideration of the Contract of Perpetual Repair, with Guaranty, for the purpose of securing it as a burial place for myself and the following persons :

and no other interments to be allowed.

PRICES FOR THE CARE OF LOTS.

ADOPTED BY THE TRUSTEES.

FOR 1897.

SIZE OF LOT.	CARE.	TOP-DRESSING, DURING NOVEM- BER ONLY.	
100 square feet.	\$1.50	\$1.00	Larger lots at special rates.
200 " "	2.00	1.50	Lots containing fractional parts of 100 feet will be charged the rate of the next larger size, when that fraction exceeds 50 feet.
300 " "	3.00	2.00	
400 " "	4.00	2.50	
500 " "	5.00	3.00	
600 " "	6.00	3.50	
700 " "	7.00	4.00	
800 " "	8.00	4.50	

Proprietors are requested to mail their orders to Superintendent, Cambridge.

For funeral services, a shelter tent to cover the lot will be provided at a moderate charge, when requested.

Estimates for grading and sodding, and repairs on lots, including cleaning Monuments and Headstones, will be furnished to proprietors on application, personally, or by letter, at Superintendent's office, Cambridge.

Iron fences and granite copings removed without expense to proprietors, who will be credited with any excess over cost of removal.

Single-chamber tombs, with entrance above ground, will be removed, the lot regraded, and the necessary reinterments made, without charge, except for boxes, brick graves, resodding, or corner posts, when required.

Orders for foundations for Monuments and Headstones should specify, either by diagram or accurate description, the exact location in the lot which is desired, and should be given *at least two weeks before wanted.*

TO PROPRIETORS.

INFORMATION.

THE following statement is presented in answer to the question frequently asked in regard to the title to a lot when the proprietor dies.

By the original act of incorporation, lots are held as real estate. The proprietor can convey, or by will devise, his lot; but if he dies intestate it descends to his heirs-at-law, who are (Pub. St., ch. 125, § 1): —

1. Children, and issue of any deceased child.
2. If no issue, then his or her father and mother.
3. If no issue nor mother, then his or her father.
4. If no issue nor father, then his or her mother.
5. If no issue, and no father nor mother, then his or her brothers and sisters, and children of any deceased brother or sister.

6. If no issue, and no father, mother, brother, nor sister, then next of kin.

A widow has, in common with the children of her deceased husband, the possession, care and control of his lot during her life; and if he leaves no children, she has the sole possession, care and control of the lot during her life. She has also a right of interment therein, of which she cannot be deprived except by her own release. Acts of 1885, ch. 302.

Title to lot held as real estate.

If proprietor dies intestate.

Heirs-at-law.

Rights of widow in lot.

Provisions
of will.

If a proprietor in his will makes no devise of the lot, it becomes a part of the residuary estate; or if not devised, and no bequest of the residue is made, it descends to the heirs-at-law.

Representa-
tive to be
designated.

Pub. St., ch. 82, § 3, and sect. 8 of the Charter of the corporation, provide, "if there be more than one devisee or heir-at-law, the Board of Trustees may designate which one shall represent the lot."

Representa-
tive no con-
trol over title.

This designation *does not affect the title*. They (the heirs or devisees) are tenants-in-common; no sale can be made unless all sign conveyance.

Petition for
representa-
tive. Import-
ance of
prompt re-
turn.

It is IMPORTANT that the petition for representation (furnished by the Secretary) should be PROMPTLY returned with the names and residences of the heirs, and signed by a *majority*: otherwise delays may occur at the cemetery in ascertaining whether the order for interment is properly signed.

Lots indivisi-
ble.
No record of
part owner-
ship.

Lots are *indivisible*, and "no record of any person's interest in a lot, less than the entire ownership, shall be made on the books of the corporation." (Rules and Regulations, Art. vii.)

L. G. FARMER,

Secretary.

